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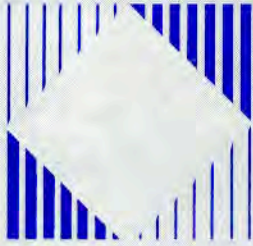


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Golden Memories

A Newsletter for members of the Western Kentucky University Golden Anniversary Club

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Lost River open again

A popular Bowling Green underground nightclub during the 1930s and 1940s which attracted people and bands from all across the country has been reopened for the enjoyment of future generations.

"After 30 years of neglect, the Friends of Lost River have succeeded in bringing the community life back to Lost River Cave and Valley," said Whit Crawford, president of Friends of Lost River.

Lost River Cave and Valley, located at the corner of US 31W and Cave Mill Road, is open from April to October for tours and events. The tour takes 45 minutes and is a walking tour as well as a boat tour.

This unique cave is believed to have the shortest, deepest river in the world flowing through it according to Ripley's Believe It or Not. It also has the largest cave opening east of the Mississippi River.

The cave has served as housing for Native Americans, Union and Confederate soldiers and the notorious Jesse James and his gang. In addition it has also held a mill and a distillery.

During 1999, Friends of Lost River succeeded in providing opportunities for the community to gather through reunions, work projects, dances, company meetings, weddings, ceremonies and dinners.

Thanks to the generosity of Mammoth Cave National Park, Lost River

Cave now has three new boats to take visitors through the cave.

In 1999, over 12,000 people representing 12 countries and 40 states visited Lost River Cave. In 1998, there was only 1,500 visitors.

Support for Lost River comes from community individuals and businesses. Western and Dr. Philip Meyers of Sponsored Programs have provided \$10,000 in internships for Tour Guides to receive credit and "hands-on" work experience.

The Center for Cave and Karst Studies continued its decade of support with funding for students, physical labor and expertise.

The Friends of Lost River have big plans for 2000. Work will begin on the construction of a new entrance wall with a water wheel, an educational curriculum for elementary grades and the continued physical improvements for community use, such as picnic tables, park benches, etc.

In Spring 2000, a series on KET, "Kentucky Life," will feature Highway 68-80 highlighting Lost River Cave's history and rebirth.

A meeting will be held on January 11, 2000 at 7 p.m. for those individuals wanting to become a member of the Friends of Lost River. More information can be obtained by calling Whit Crawford at (270) 745-9224.



University Archivist Sue Lynn Stone accepts a letter jacket from Ed Rutledge ('41). The jacket was mailed to his parent's house after he left for the war.

Celebrating

"It was nice that our memories at Western had been displayed for us."

GAC Exhibit The Kentucky Museum

Brunch Faculty House

"I enjoyed seeing everyone from the class of 1949."



CLASS OF 1949 – (sitting from left) Louise Hutchison, Martha Montgomery, Geri Coffman, Thelma Labhart and Betty Topmiller Ward. (standing from left) Dr. Robert Causey, Paul Higdon, Bart Hagerman, Jim Nichols, Carl Whitfield, Joe Phillips, Dorothy Hanes, James Whitmer and Jewel Whitmer.

50 years of memories



Dinner South Campus

"It was such a good idea to share memories."

SWING YOUR PARTNER – Lee Robertson ('50) and Pearl Rutledge ('53)

"Please use Greg Colson again, he was great!"

Brunch Faculty House

Do you really want to miss the next reunion?

I didn't think so.

Look for the "Save the Date" postcard in the mail before Dec. 31, 1999.

If you want to help plan the reunion, give us a call at 1-888-WKU-ALUM



Participants gather for the brunch in the old student center in the log cabin.



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1999-00 Topper Basketball Schedule



1999-00 Lady Topper Basketball Schedule



11/20	at Southern Illinois	7:05 pm
11/23	Evansville	7:00 pm
11/27	at St. Joseph's (Pa.)	2:00 pm
11/30	at Akron	7:00 pm
12/4	at Mississippi State +	4:00 pm
12/7	Murray State	7:00 pm
12/11	Virginia Commonwealth +	3:30 pm
12/18	at Vanderbilt	7:00 pm
	at Oneida Bingo & Casino Classic^	
12/29	Wisconsin-Green Bay vs. Drexel^	5:30 pm
	WKU vs. Austin Peay ^	8:00 pm
12/30	Consolation^	5:30 pm
	Championship^	8:00 pm
1/8	at Florida International*	7:00 pm
1/13	at Arkansas Little-Rock*	7:05 pm
1/15	at Arkansas State*	7:05 pm
1/18	at Belmont	7:00 pm
1/22	South Alabama*	7:00 pm
1/24	Denver*	7:00 pm
1/27	Louisiana Tech*	7:00 pm
1/29	Louisiana-Lafayette*	7:00 pm
1/31	at New Orleans*	7:30 pm
2/9	at South Alabama*	7:05 pm
2/12	Florida International*	7:00 pm
2/17	at Louisiana-Lafayette*	7:05 pm
2/19	at Louisiana Tech*	7:00 pm
2/21	New Orleans*	7:00 pm
2/24	Arkansas State*	7:00 pm
2/26	Arkansas Little-Rock*	7:00 pm
2/28	at Denver*	8:00 pm

* Sun Belt Conference Game / Home Game are in bold / All times CST / + Denotes Fox Sports Net South Televised Game

11/19	Indiana	7:00 pm	11/21
at Oregon		3:00 pm	
11/28	at Tennessee Tech	2:00 pm	
12/1	at Kentucky	6:00 pm	
	at Unilever Lady Tiger Classic^		
12/3	vs. Evansville^	6/8:00 pm	
12/4	vs. Centenary or Missouri^	7:00 pm	
12/20	Murray State	7:00 pm	
	at State Farm Classic +		
12/28	at Florida + (Sunshine Network)	6:00 pm	
12/29	vs. Maine or Boston College +	3:30 pm	
1/2	Vanderbilt (Fox Sports Net South)	4:00 pm	
1/6	at Arkansas State*	7:05 pm	
1/8	at Florida International*	5:00 pm	
1/11	Miami (Fla.)	7:00 pm	
1/13	Louisiana-Lafayette*	7:00 pm	
1/16	Arkansas State*	2:00 pm	
1/19	at Denver*	8:00 pm	
1/23	Louisiana Tech*	2:00 pm	
1/27	at South Alabama*	7:00 pm	
1/29	at New Orleans*	2:00 pm	
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